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ANNUAL GRADUATION EVENT AT **DC-4**



Davidson County Drug Court

Annual Graduation **2008**

On September 2, DC-4 held its annual graduation. Many DC-4 alumni were in attendance, together with several dignitaries who were invited. It was the first formal event held in the newly designed court setting at DC-4. Judge Norman introduced a number of speakers, including Metropolitan Nashville's Chief of police, Ronald Serpas, who encouraged DC-4 participants to stay on the path to recovery. West Huddleston, the CEO of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, spoke several minutes about the importance of drug court programs to the health of individuals, families, cities and our great country. Judge Dan Eisenstein spoke about his work with the Davidson County Mental Health Court, and the importance of keeping therapeutic court such as his and Judge Norman available to the public. After several graduates received their blue folders, which acknowledge their achievements, Nashville's Mayor Carl Dean spoke about the importance of the DC-4 program to the welfare of the participants and our community. The event gave DC-4 an opportunity to open the doors to the public and show what we're all about.

Writer Chris J.

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SPEND THE 4TH CELEBRATING THE FREEDOM OF THE UNITED STATES. ALSO YOU WILL READ ABOUT THE BIG ANNUAL GRADUATION THAT WAS HELD HERE AT DC-4. JUDGE DAN EISENSTEIN AND

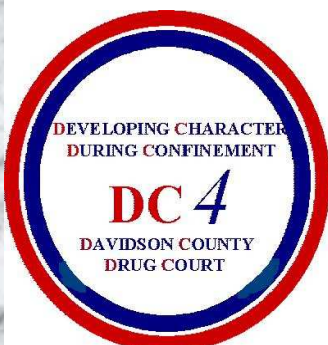
AND DEDICATION INTO THE TRUCK, AND HOPES SOMEDAY IT CAN BE USED OUT ON THE ROAD. YOU WILL SEE HOW SERVICE WORK NOT ONLY HELPS OUT THE PEOPLE HERE, BUT ALSO HELPS OUT FAMILIES AND OTHER PLACES AROUND THE NASHVILLE AREA, SUCH AS PARKS AND JUST CLEANING UP BUSY INTERSECTIONS AND UNDERPASSES. WE TAKE A LOT OF PRIDE IN WHAT WE DO AND WANT TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND HELP OUT IN ANY WAY WE CAN.

WRITER CHRIS J

THIS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER STARTS OUT WITH A BIG BANG. THE STAFF HERE AT DC-4 ALLOWED THE RESIDENTS TO SEE THE DOWNTOWN FIREWORKS FROM RIVERFRONT PARK ON THE CUMBERLAND RIVER. WE ALL HAD A GREAT TIME, AND GOT TO

NASHVILLE'S CHIEF OF POLICE RONALD SERPAS WAS ONE OF THE MANY TO COME TO THE ANNUAL GRADUATION. YOU WILL ALSO READ ABOUT HOW WE TOOK AN OLD BEAT UP SEMI TRUCK, AND TURNED IT INTO A TRUCK THAT YOU HAVE TO SEE TO BELIEVE. A RESIDENT HERE JEWEL HAS PUT A LOT OF TIME

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DC-4 LOGISTICS?

HERE AT DC-4, WE HAVE A MECHANIC SHOP, AS WELL AS A BODY REPAIR, AND PAINT SHOP. THE WORK THAT HAS COME OUT OF THESE SHOPS HAVE BEEN AT A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL ON EVERY TURN. A FEW MONTHS AGO, A 1989 VOLVO SEMI TRUCK WAS DONATED. AT THE TIME WE THOUGHT IT WOULD GIVE US SOMETHING TO "TINKER AROUND" WITH. HOWEVER, DURING OUR "TINKERING AROUND" WE DISCOVERED THE POSSIBILITIES WERE ENDLESS WITH THIS TRUCK. ON ARRIVAL, WE FOUND OUT IT HAD NO RIGHT FENDER, THE HOOD WAS DAMAGED, THE HEADLIGHTS WERE MISSING, IT HAD NO BUMPER, PARTS WERE MISSING FROM THE ENGINE, AND THERE WERE SEVERAL ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS. THE

INTERIOR WAS TRASHED, AND ALL 10 TIRES WERE BAD, AND THE TRUCK NEEDED A COMPLETE PAINT JOB. ON SITE IT APPEARED TO BE A PILE OF RUBBLE, BUT I SAW AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESTORE THIS VEHICLE, AND USE IT TO BENEFIT EVERYONE HERE AT DC-4. IT TOOK A LOT OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION, AS WELL AS DETERMINATION, TO TAKE ON THIS TASK.. WE GIVE THANKS TO THOSE WHO DONATED TIME, AND MONEY TO HELP US COMPLETE THIS PROJECT. IT TOOK HOURS OF HARD WORK, NEVERTHELESS WE WERE ABLE TO COMPLETE OUR TASK.. I AM VERY PROUD OF BEING A RESIDENT HERE, AND GLAD TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING THAT CAN BENEFIT OTHERS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK LES AT COVINGTON DIESEL, AS WELL AS MY AUNT, FOR SEEING ME THROUGH THE DARK TIMES WHEN IT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY ON, AND THE STAFF HERE AT DC-4 FOR ALL THEIR HELP. I GUESS THE MORAL OF THE STORY IS: DO NOT GIVE UP! CONTINUE TO WORK HARD, AND SOONER OR LATER THE LIGHT WILL SHINE THROUGH- - - THE TASK WILL BE COMPLETED

Writer Jewel C.



DC-4 AND DOWNTOWN FIREWORKS***DOWNTOWN NASHVILLE***

This year was a year to remember, when the staff here decided to take us to the fireworks at Riverfront Park, in downtown Nashville. This is just one of many things we get to do to spend our time in a positive way, and have fun and enjoy ourselves. The fireworks this year was one of the best that I have seen in a long time, and can't wait to get the opportunity to celebrate our freedom in the United States of America in Nashville again. We would like to thank the staff and Judge Norman for going out of their way to show us a great time on the 4th of July.

Writer Chris J.

***RESIDENTS AT RIVERFRONT***

SERVICE WORK AT DC-4



Community Service Work at DC-4 involves a lot more than just yard work here on our campus, though we do, in fact, do a lot of that. We also maintain the orchard here, and spend a lot of time in the gardens growing food that we eat. We spend a lot of time working for Metro Beautification, helping clean up “problem areas” in Nashville. the Salvation Army, the Veteran’s Administration, area churches, Catholic Charities, youth camps, school groups, Renewal House, and with other non-profit agencies around the city.

When we first arrive here, we only work because Judge Norman requires us to perform community service work as part of our program. After a while, we work because it represents us giving back to the community. Later, we learn that service work is one of the bases for our staying sober and clean, and that giving to others is a key element in being a good citizen. A review of our alumni and others with long-term sobriety proves that the people who continue giving of themselves stay sober. That’s why we emphasize community service work at DC-4.

Writer Chris J.



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